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**Elvis Costello Solo "Detour" shows announced for Arizona**



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**Mesa, AZ** – Elvis Costello has announced west coast US solo "Detour" dates for spring 2016 including **Friday, April 8 at Mesa Arts Center. Tickets go on sale Friday, December 11 at 10 a.m.** Tickets available at the venue box office, [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) and [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

Costello's solo dates over the last several years are lauded by critics and fans, called "unforgettable" and "The best showcase of [Elvis'] talent to date."

Performing with guitar and piano in front of a giant television set on which are projected family photos, mysteries, mottos and other mischief, Costello sings his best known songs and the hits of tomorrow in a way that is both intimate and vividly emotional.

The show turns in a moment from gravity to humor, the singer pauses only to tell tales about his songs.

These dates are Costello's first since the release of his best-selling memoir "Unfaithful Music & Disappearing Ink" (Blue Rider Press/Penguin Random House).

"His live performances, much like his voice, have lost none of their power." - Lewis Howse of *What Culture*: June 11th, 2015

"His Detour tour is back to the beginnings, too, with Costello performing most songs solo as if he were trying them out for the first time. That voice, sometimes a deep, mellow, heavy whisper,

at others sailing to the top notes, and frequently a rock 'n' roll screech, sounded as good as new." - *Western Morning News* (UK): June 25th, 2015

"Still looking like he could play for a few more hours, Costello finally left the stage to a standing ovation that was thoroughly deserved for a performance that reaffirmed him as one of the truly great troubadours of our time." - *Bristol Post* (UK): June 22nd, 2015

"To carry a room as big as the Uptown, a good one-person show requires an entertainer with either a large, vibrant personality or a deep reservoir of memorable music. Costello brought both." - *Kansas City Star*: March 6th, 2015

"Truly unforgettable." - *The Pitch*: March 6th, 2015

"The best showcase of [Elvis'] talent to date." - *The Denver Post*: March 2nd, 2015

UMe has re-issued Elvis Costello's seminal first 11 studio albums and his 1980 compilation album 'Taking Liberties' on vinyl, available in widespread release for the first time since their original issue dates. All titles, originally released on Columbia Records between 1977 and 1986, have been re-mastered from the original tapes and reissued on high quality 180-gram vinyl with their original artwork. All titles are available now, except 'Trust', which was released today, Dec. 4.

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### **About Mesa Arts Center**

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).